

### **Fire Department**



This week, all of the department's four working pumpers were tested for pumping capacities with the assistance of Fort Drum's Draft Commander testing trailer. All pumpers passed this annual test, which is required by the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) in order to maintain our Public Protection Rating. Vehicle 8-3, a 2007 Pierce pumper was not tested as it has been placed out of service and awaiting transportation to Wisconsin for refurbishment and new frame rails. The 2004 Pierce aerial is still out of service being repaired in Syracuse for issues. It is expected to be back in Watertown before Thanksgiving.

### **Engineering Department**

#### **Thompson Park Pool**

Con Tech Building Systems has completed work on the pool floor. Pool contractor is continuing the application of shotcrete for the pool walls. The deep ends of the pool walls are complete with the installation of shotcrete, and we anticipate the completion of the walls by early next week. The excavation of the pool bathhouse foundation has begun, and we are scheduled to pour the concrete for the bathhouse foundation footer and walls by next week. AMI Earth & Pipe has repaired the 8" Sanitary Line with approximately 15' of new 8" PVC.



#### **JB Wise Retaining Wall Project**

Driscoll Masonry has completed the removal of plant life and debris and is cleaning the existing Limestone Retaining Wall. Mortar Mix Samples were created for color selection with Sample #7 selected as the closest match to the existing mortar. Driscoll Masonry is continuing to scaffold and tent the stone walls for applying heat to the work area in maintaining temperature above 50 degrees Fahrenheit for at least 48 hours after completion of work. They have continued working on re-pointing and restoring the North Side of the Retaining Wall.

### **Watertown City Court Expansion Project**

BCA Architects is the Architectural Design Firm for this project. Drawings are in design phase. The Administrative Judge and General Council has submitted comments to Rick Tague at BCA and the City of Watertown for review. Bidding is scheduled for December 2020, and project start up in the spring of 2021.

### **Cooper Street Outfall Sewer**

Printed draft copy is on engineering table for review the current project goals are:

- Advertise bids on December 17, 2019
- Open bids on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020
- Make the recommendation by January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Go to council February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

### **Arsenal Street Rail Road Overpass**

The electric power supply panel meeting the City's specifications has been approved.

### **Human Resources:**

At the Work Session on November 12<sup>th</sup>, Council requested health insurance data with regards to payments for active members and retirees. That information is below:

#### **City of Watertown**

#### **Claim Summary:**

**7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019**

<b><i>Medical Claims</i></b>	<b>Patient Cnt</b>	<b>Paid Amt</b>
<b><i>Non-Medicare Primary</i></b>		
Subtotal for Actives	<b>734</b>	<b>\$3,251,200.15</b>
Subtotal for Non-Medicare Retirees	<b>228</b>	<b>\$1,014,164.42</b>
<b>Subtotals for Non-Medicare Primary</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>\$4,265,364.57</b>
<b><i>Medicare Primary</i></b>		
<b>Subtotals for Medicare Primary</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>\$525,269.74</b>
<b>Totals for Medical:</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>\$4,790,634.31</b>

<b><i>Prescription Drug Claims</i></b>	<b>Patient Cnt</b>	<b>Paid Amt</b>
<b><i>Non-Medicare Primary</i></b>		
Subtotal for Actives	<b>605</b>	<b>\$894,308.86</b>
Subtotal for Non-Medicare Retirees	<b>204</b>	<b>\$604,969.56</b>
<b>Subtotals for Non-Medicare Primary</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>\$1,499,278.42</b>
<b><i>Medicare Primary</i></b>		
<b>Subtotals for Medicare Primary</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>\$1,838,330.59</b>

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**Planning Department**

**Academy Street Playground and Sidewalk Installation Project**



Playground installation work began this week with site excavation and equipment installation. Landscape fabric and drainage stone have also been applied to the site with playground mulch expected to be delivered and applied to the play area in the coming days. Sidewalk work along the Academy and Clay Street borders of playground property is expected to begin as early as next week

**Crow Harassment**

Loomacres Wildlife Management is expected to conduct non-lethal crow harassments on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, as large numbers of crows have been roosting within the City as of late.



**Parks and Recreation**

The Parks and Recreation Department held our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. The dinner was potluck style and was provide by many of the employees. This is a great way to bring the department together for a positive reason, as well as boost morale!





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Mark Esposito was recognized for 25 years of service with the City by Superintendent Gardner with his fellow co-workers there to congratulate him.

Watertown Wolves have games Friday, November 22 and Saturday, November 23 against the Danville Dashers. Puck drops at 7:30 pm.

